

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of the Claims

1-105. (Cancelled)

106. (New) A method for use in an interactive television program guide system that provides a user with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device in the user's equipment, the method comprising:

recording programs on the digital storage device; and

providing to the user a list of selectable options, wherein a first selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access information for at least one broadcast television program and at least one recorded program stored on the digital storage device, and wherein a second selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device.

107. (New) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

storing program data associated with the recorded program on the digital storage device.

108. (New) The method of claim 107, further comprising:

allowing the user to interact with the stored associated program data during playback of the recorded program.

109. (New) The method of claim 107, wherein the associated program data includes user added information.

110. (New) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a list of programs scheduled to be recorded.

111. (New) The method of claim 110, further comprising:

providing the user with an opportunity to select a program listing for a program scheduled to be recorded; and

displaying an information screen for the selected program in response to the user selecting the program scheduled to be recorded.

112. (New) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to transfer the stored program to a removable storage device.

113. (New) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a set-up screen; and

providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more recording options using the set-up screen.

114. (New) The method of claim 113, further comprising:

providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more playback options using the set-up screen.

115. (New) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

determining whether the digitally stored programs include advertisements; and

providing the user with an opportunity to play back the recorded program without displaying the advertisements.

116. (New) An interactive television program guide system that provides a user with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device in the user's equipment, the system comprising:

a digital storage device for recording programs; and

a display device for providing to the user a list of selectable options, wherein a first selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access information for at least one broadcast television program and at least one recorded program stored on the digital storage device, and wherein a second selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device.

117. (New) The system of claim 116, wherein the digital storage device is configured to store program data associated with the recorded program.

118. (New) The system of claim 117, wherein the digital storage device is configured to allow the user to interact with the stored associated program data during playback of the recorded program.

119. (New) The system of claim 117, wherein the associated program data includes user added information.

120. (New) The system of claim 116, wherein the display device provides a selectable option that allows the user to access a list of programs scheduled to be recorded.

121. (New) The system of claim 120, wherein the display device provides the user with an opportunity to select a program listing for a program scheduled to be recorded and displays an information screen for the selected program in response to the user selecting the program scheduled to be recorded.

122. (New) The system of claim 116, wherein the display device provides a selectable option that allows the user to transfer the stored program to a removable storage device.

123. (New) The system of claim 116, wherein the display device provides a selectable option that allows the user to access a set-up screen and provides the user with an opportunity to define one or more recording options using the set-up screen.

124. (New) The system of claim 123, wherein the display device provides the user with an opportunity to define one or more playback options using the set-up screen.

125. (New) The system of claim 116, wherein the digital storage device is configured to determine whether the digitally stored programs include advertisements, and wherein the display device provides the user with an opportunity to play back the recorded program without displaying the advertisements.

126. (New) An interactive television program guide system that provides a user with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device in the user's equipment, the system comprising:

means for recording programs on the digital storage device; and

means for providing to the user a list of selectable options, wherein a first selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access information for at least one broadcast television program and at least one recorded program stored on the digital storage device, and wherein a second selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device.

127. (New) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for storing program data associated with the recorded program on the digital storage device.

128. (New) The system of claim 127, further comprising:

means for allowing the user to interact with the stored associated program data during playback of the recorded program.

129. (New) The system of claim 127, wherein the associated program data includes user added information.

130. (New) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a list of programs scheduled to be recorded.

131. (New) The system of claim 130, further comprising:

means for providing the user with an opportunity to select a program listing for a program scheduled to be recorded; and

means for displaying an information screen for the selected program in response to the user selecting the program scheduled to be recorded.

132. (New) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for providing a selectable option that allows the user to transfer the stored program to a removable storage device.

133. (New) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a set-up screen; and

means for providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more recording options using the set-up screen.

134. (New) The system of claim 133, further comprising:

means for providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more playback options using the set-up screen.

135. (New) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for determining whether the digitally stored programs include advertisements; and

means for providing the user with an opportunity to play back the recorded program without displaying the advertisements.

136. (New) A computer readable medium for providing a user of an interactive television program guide with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device in the user's equipment, comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

recording programs on the digital storage device; and

providing to the user a list of selectable options, wherein a first selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access information for at least one broadcast television program and at least one recorded program stored on the digital storage device, and wherein a second selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device.

137. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 136, further comprising machine program logic for:

storing program data associated with the recorded program on the digital storage device.

138. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 137, further comprising machine program logic for:

allowing the user to interact with the stored associated program data during playback of the recorded program.

139. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 137, wherein the associated program data includes user added information.

140. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 136, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a list of programs scheduled to be recorded.

141. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 140, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing the user with an opportunity to select a program listing for a program scheduled to be recorded; and

displaying an information screen for the selected program in response to the user selecting the program scheduled to be recorded.

142. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 136, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to transfer the stored program to a removable storage device.

143. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 136, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a set-up screen; and

providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more recording options using the set-up screen.

144. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 143, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more playback options using the set-up screen.

145. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 144, further comprising machine program logic for:

determining whether the digitally stored programs include advertisements; and

providing the user with an opportunity to play back the recorded program without displaying the advertisements.